

West Virginia

West Virginia [Context Data]

A. Context Statistics ^{1 2}

General Child Population (Census Bureau) ³

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total children under 18 years	382,343	380,545	378,228	374,322	369,718
Race/ethnicity (%) ⁴					
Alaska Native / American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.5
White	89.8	89.5	89.2	89.0	88.9
Two or more races	3.6	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.0
Child population in poverty (%)	27.0	24.7	25.2	24.0	25.9

Child Welfare Summary ⁵

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Child maltreatment victims	4,695	4,962	4,857	5,938	6,496
Foster care entry rate	9.1	10.1	10.4	12.4	13.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,389	4,555	4,959	5,973	6,632
Children adopted	877	852	893	940	1,069

Caseworker Visits ⁶

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	95	96	95	95	95
Numerator	45,693	45,798	48,137	54,011	63,010
Denominator	48,031	47,956	50,571	56,854	66,076
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	75	72	68	69	67
Numerator	34,412	32,969	32,571	37,037	42,464
Denominator	45,693	45,798	48,137	54,011	63,010

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² Data that did not meet the quality standards for inclusion in the report are represented as DQ*. Incomplete data excluded from inclusion in the report are represented as --. For additional information on the data quality thresholds for the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, please reference the full report or the Child Welfare Outcomes data site.

³ The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau <https://www.census.gov/data/tables.html> (<https://www.census.gov/data/tables.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

⁴ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report data site <http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/cwodatasite> (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/cwodatasite>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁵ A child victim is defined as a child for whom the state determined at least one maltreatment was substantiated or indicated. This includes a child who died of child abuse and neglect. This is a change from prior years when children with dispositions of alternative response victim were included as victims. The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁶ The reporting population subject to the caseworker visits requirements includes all children under age 18 for at least the first day of the FY (October 1) who have been in foster care for at least one full calendar month during the FY. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS]) ⁷**Overview Maltreatment Information** ⁸

	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	39,372	103.0 per 1,000	39,683	104.3 per 1,000	45,407	120.1 per 1,000	52,442	140.1 per 1,000	55,623	150.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	4,695	12.3 per 1,000	4,962	13.0 per 1,000	4,857	12.8 per 1,000	5,938	15.9 per 1,000	6,496	17.6 per 1,000
Child Fatalities	17	4.5 per 100,000	19	5.0 per 100,000	9	2.4 per 100,000	20	5.3 per 100,000	18	4.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Under 1 year	12.8	14.8	14.5	15.3	17.2
1 year	7.2	6.1	6.3	7.4	6.6
2 years	6.6	6.1	6.9	6.8	6.5
3 years	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.3
4 years	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.3	6.3
5 years	7.0	6.4	6.9	6.7	5.7
6 years	6.5	6.1	6.0	6.3	6.4
7 years	6.0	5.8	5.4	5.8	6.3
8 years	5.4	5.4	5.8	5.1	5.3
9 years	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.0
10 years	4.5	4.5	5.0	4.4	4.4
11 years	4.5	4.4	3.9	4.1	4.2
12 years	3.6	3.7	4.6	4.1	4.1
13 years	4.0	4.1	4.6	3.7	3.5
14 years	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.3
15 years	2.9	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.4
16 years	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.9	3.0
17 years	1.6	2.0	1.8	1.8	2.0
18+ years	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	3.1	2.9	0.5	0.7	0.4
Number	4,695	4,962	4,857	5,938	6,496

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Alaska Native / American Indian	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Asian	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Black	2.4	2.3	2.9	3.4	2.9
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.8
White	85.5	86.3	89.4	88.1	89.7
Two or more races	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.6	6.1
Missing data	5.4	4.7	0.4	0.7	0.5
Number	4,695	4,962	4,857	5,938	6,496

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%) ⁹

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Emotional abuse	27.3	28.0	57.4	63.8	64.7
Medical neglect	1.2	0.8	4.9	6.0	4.6
Neglect	54.3	54.4	46.7	43.3	41.5
Physical abuse	33.9	35.0	71.9	79.1	80.9
Sexual abuse	5.2	4.8	4.1	4.4	3.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	11.3	12.4	0.3	<.1	0.0
Number	4,695	4,962	4,857	5,938	6,496

Time to Investigation (in hours) ¹⁰

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mean	415.9	108.8	79.3	119.1	182.4
Median	>96 but<120	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

⁷ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year.

⁸ The rates for Child Protective Services responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

⁹ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

¹⁰ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care (Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)**Overview Foster Care Information**

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY					Entered Foster Care in FY					Exited Foster Care in FY					In Foster Care on 9/30 FY				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total number	4,438	4,244	4,466	4,815	5,518	3,467	3,825	3,950	4,625	4,923	3,517	3,513	3,458	3,467	3,808	4,389	4,555	4,959	5,973	6,632
Median length of stay (months)	9.8	9.4	8.5	8.6	8.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.3	11.7	11.9	12.6	12.7	9.3	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY					Entered Foster Care in FY					Exited Foster Care in FY					In Foster Care on 9/30 FY				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Under 1 year	5.8	6.5	8.0	7.1	7.8	12.4	14.6	13.1	15.5	15.8	2.4	3.5	3.9	3.1	3.5	6.4	8.0	6.9	8.5	8.4
1 year	7.3	7.4	7.5	8.2	8.2	5.6	5.0	6.3	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.4	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.1	7.3	8.1	8.2	8.0
2 years	7.5	6.8	6.2	6.7	6.5	5.3	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	7.6	6.6	6.7	6.1	6.6	6.5	7.0
3 years	5.9	6.1	5.6	5.7	5.8	4.8	4.7	5.4	5.9	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.0
4 years	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.7	6.2	4.0	4.5	4.7	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.8	5.0	5.1	5.7	5.1	5.1	5.5	6.1	5.8
5 years	5.3	5.1	4.9	4.7	5.3	4.1	4.1	4.7	5.2	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.6	5.3	5.2
6 years	4.6	5.1	4.7	5.2	5.3	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.9	4.5	4.8	4.1	4.3	5.0	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.0
7 years	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.8	5.2	3.1	4.2	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.2	4.6	4.6	5.2	5.4
8 years	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.5	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.2	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.5
9 years	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.5	4.1	2.6	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.2	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.5	4.0	4.3
10 years	3.2	3.2	3.8	4.2	4.1	2.7	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.3	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.2	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.8
11 years	3.6	2.9	3.8	3.6	3.8	2.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.3	2.8	3.4	3.4	3.5	2.8	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.7
12 years	3.9	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.1	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.9	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.0
13 years	4.0	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.3	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.1	4.3	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.3	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.5
14 years	5.6	5.2	5.2	5.3	4.8	7.1	6.8	6.4	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.5	4.4	4.4	5.5	5.6	5.6	4.7	4.8
15 years	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.7	5.6	9.3	8.2	8.5	6.7	7.0	6.8	5.8	6.6	6.1	5.1	7.3	7.2	7.1	5.8	5.9
16 years	8.1	8.6	8.4	7.1	6.9	11.7	9.1	8.2	7.4	7.1	8.8	9.2	8.8	7.8	7.2	9.0	8.6	7.5	7.0	6.2
17 years	9.4	9.2	7.4	6.8	6.6	7.6	6.9	6.4	5.5	5.6	9.3	9.3	9.2	7.5	7.5	9.3	7.7	6.9	6.6	6.5
18 years	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.6	10.5	9.9	9.2	9.8	9.6	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
20+ years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Foster Care on 10/1 FY					Entered Foster Care in FY					Exited Foster Care in FY					In Foster Care on 9/30 FY				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Alaska Native / American Indian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.6	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.3	3.8	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.2	3.8	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.0
White	85.7	86.4	87.0	87.1	86.9	87.0	86.6	86.9	86.2	88.2	86.6	86.1	86.9	86.1	86.4	86.1	86.8	87.0	87.0	88.2
Two or more races	8.2	7.8	7.4	7.5	7.8	6.3	6.6	7.1	7.9	6.7	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.7	7.8	7.4	7.2	7.4	7.7	7.0
Unknown	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2
Missing data	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.0	<.1

D. Characteristics of Children "Waiting for Adoption" ¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)**Children Waiting for Adoption**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total waiting children	1,381	1,420	1,461	2,299	2,530
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,040	1,116	1,050	1,787	1,988

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%) ¹²

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Under 1 year	6.0	7.3	4.6	9.0	8.2
1 year	9.7	10.4	12.1	10.8	10.6
2 years	9.3	7.7	8.5	8.0	8.1
3 years	7.8	7.7	7.3	7.0	7.3
4 years	6.6	7.3	6.2	6.2	6.6
5 years	6.6	5.7	5.2	5.9	6.0
6 years	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.5
7 years	5.7	5.4	5.2	6.1	5.7
8 years	5.7	5.8	5.1	5.4	4.9
9 years	4.6	5.1	5.8	4.8	4.9
10 years	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.8
11 years	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.8	4.4
12 years	5.0	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.4
13 years	5.1	4.4	4.2	3.3	4.3
14 years	3.0	3.9	4.9	3.8	3.7
15 years	3.9	4.2	4.9	4.0	4.2
16 years	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.7
17 years	3.5	3.2	3.6	2.7	2.7

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Alaska Native / American Indian	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Black	4.3	3.2	2.5	2.3	3.1
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.1	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.1
White	86.5	85.8	88.8	87.7	88.6
Two or more races	7.4	9.2	6.8	8.2	7.0
Unknown	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)**Children Adopted**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total children adopted	877	852	893	940	1,069

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Under 1 year	1.1	2.7	2.7	1.9	1.2
1 year	11.5	12.2	17.5	14.9	13.9
2 years	12.3	13.5	10.6	14.3	12.9
3 years	11.3	10.8	10.4	10.0	9.6
4 years	10.6	9.7	9.9	7.9	7.5
5 years	8.4	7.9	6.8	6.8	6.8
6 years	7.3	7.6	6.2	6.5	7.9
7 years	7.3	6.3	6.5	6.3	7.5
8 years	5.2	5.8	6.4	5.0	6.1
9 years	6.2	4.9	4.5	6.2	5.3
10 years	3.6	4.1	3.8	4.0	5.5
11 years	3.1	4.0	3.9	4.7	4.2
12 years	3.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	3.8
13 years	2.3	2.8	2.5	2.4	1.9
14 years	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.9
15 years	1.4	0.6	0.9	1.7	1.6
16 years	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.4
17 years	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.1	0.9
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
20+ years	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Alaska Native / American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	4.2	3.5	2.8	2.3	2.2
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.3	0.7	2.0	1.5	2.2
White	85.6	86.7	85.6	88.2	85.5
Two or more races	9.7	8.6	9.4	7.6	9.9
Unknown	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

West Virginia [Outcomes Data]**Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)****Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Children without a recurrence	97.7	98.4	98.1	98.0	95.6
Children with one or more recurrences	2.3	1.6	1.9	2.0	4.4
Number	2,264	2,512	2,353	2,823	3,290

Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)**2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.27	0.48	0.32	0.11	0.21
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.73	99.52	99.68	99.89	99.79
Number	7,906	8,069	8,417	9,440	10,441

Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)**3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Adoption	24.9	24.1	25.8	27.0	28.0
Guardianship	7.4	7.3	7.6	8.5	9.0
Reunification	64.9	64.5	62.6	60.5	58.8
Other	2.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9
Missing data	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.4
Number	3,517	3,513	3,458	3,467	3,808

Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Adoption	16.0	13.3	13.8	11.1	13.5
Guardianship	5.4	4.8	4.0	6.2	5.1
Reunification	73.1	73.4	73.7	73.7	70.9
Other	5.4	8.4	8.3	9.0	10.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.3
Number	1,129	1,073	943	867	763

Exits of Children Older than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Adoption	2.0	1.2	2.0	2.8	2.9
Guardianship	5.4	5.1	5.6	6.0	8.1
Reunification	86.9	85.1	83.0	81.5	77.7
Other	5.5	8.5	9.2	9.6	11.0
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2
Number	1,370	1,334	1,283	1,191	1,222

Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (Continued)**Exits to Emancipation (%)**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.5	19.1	7.0	13.6	6.5
Children older than 12 at entry	77.5	80.9	93.0	86.4	93.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	40	47	71	59	93

Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)

	Alaska Native / American Indian					Asian					Black (non-Hispanic)				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.8	18.3	17.0	15.1	15.9
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	4.9	3.4	7.5	4.1
Reunification	100.0	100.0	0.0	75.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	70.4	71.3	74.1	71.9	75.2
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	5.5	5.4	5.5	4.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2	1	0	4	1	2	1	1	2	0	162	164	147	146	145

Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.					Hispanic (of any race)					White (non-Hispanic)				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	15.4	37.5	31.1	40.4	24.6	24.3	25.4	27.6	27.7
Guardianship	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.8	7.7	4.2	13.3	5.3	7.4	7.6	8.0	8.8	9.4
Reunification	50.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	76.9	69.2	54.2	55.6	50.9	65.1	64.2	62.7	59.7	58.7
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.6	4.2	0.0	3.5	2.7	3.5	3.7	3.7	4.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Number	2	0	1	0	0	39	39	48	45	57	3,044	3,026	3,004	2,986	3,290

Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)

	Unable to Determine					Two or More Races					Missing Data				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Adoption	20.0	21.1	20.0	17.6	18.8	32.7	27.7	34.8	26.7	35.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.8	12.5	8.2	7.1	7.0	4.1	7.4	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	80.0	68.4	80.0	64.7	50.0	57.2	60.9	54.5	63.2	53.0	75.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	18.8	1.9	4.3	2.9	4.9	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	5.3	0.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5	19	10	17	16	257	253	244	266	298	4	10	3	1	1

Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)**Time to Reunification (%)**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Less than 12 mos.	67.4	69.0	68.6	66.1	67.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	25.5	23.7	24.5	27.3	25.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.0	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.0
48 or more mos.	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.7
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4
Number	2,284	2,266	2,166	2,099	2,238

Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Children entering care for the first time	80.5	80.3	82.0	81.9	85.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.2	9.9	8.8	10.0	7.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.8	9.4	8.6	7.8	6.9
Missing data	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.6
Number	3,467	3,825	3,950	4,625	4,923

Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)**Time to Adoption (%)**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Less than 12 mos.	4.5	6.3	8.1	6.3	6.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	47.5	47.7	51.6	54.1	50.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	33.9	33.1	29.3	28.8	31.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	9.0	7.1	8.4	7.9	9.3
48 or more mos.	5.0	5.8	2.7	2.9	3.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	875	845	892	935	1,067

Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)**Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)**

	In Care Less Than 12 Months					In Care at Least 12 months but Less Than 24 months					In Care for 24 Months or Longer					Time in Care Missing or Out of Range				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.2	87.4	89.4	89.3	90.9	68.1	67.6	67.5	70.1	71.4	36.3	38.5	35.7	37.1	41.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.8	12.6	10.6	10.7	9.1	31.9	32.4	32.5	29.9	28.6	63.7	61.5	64.3	62.9	58.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing Placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total number	4,283	4,670	4,778	5,396	5,845	2,231	2,092	2,411	2,657	2,987	1,368	1,295	1,202	1,369	1,601	24	12	26	18	8

Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)**Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Group homes	2.8	3.4	3.8	2.1	1.8
Institution	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.3	0.9
Other settings	96.1	95.2	95.1	96.3	97.0
Missing data	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.2
Number	2,006	2,388	2,542	3,211	3,418